

STORE CLOSING TO-DAY, THANKSGIVING, AT 1 P. M.

"When Children Dream and Wake"

A STORY OF A STORE'S READINESS TO SERVE YOU.

This Great Store at Christmas Time is a Wonder Shop for Old and Young

Down through the ages has come the golden spirit of Christmastide. Christmastide, when hearts grow larger and the fingers that necessity or habit has bent tightly over the pocketbook loosen involuntarily. Christmastide, when children dream and wake, and, dreaming or waking, long for one tiny glimpse of that dear little old man with cheeks like red apples and eyes like scintillating stars, with a pack that holds all that is beautiful in this world of ours, with a heart that is tender enough and great enough to care for the child of the sabbath and the starving, homeless, hopeless wail in the street alike—dear, blessed, glorious old Santa Claus!

It's a work-a-day world, but to all of us there comes a time when the scales drop from our eyes, when we realize that our ambition to earn, to surpass, to rule, is but a pitiful result of our feverish twentieth century training, that there is nothing more beautiful in the world than the desire to bring happiness to other people.

Gifts at Christmastime—gifts to our friends and to those who have battled with the world's whirl and come out losers. If you give them, buy carefully.

The Christmas shopping time is here with a rush. It is a joyous, jostling, happy throng with the spirit of the time seems to make the whole world kin with touches of kindness. Interest centers in a great store like this. It is a veritable "wonder shop" for the young and old alike. You pass down aisle after aisle bedecked with Christmas things. You admire and you wonder at it all.

Months and months ago we were doing for you exactly what you are doing now—shopping. From across the seas, from every nook and corner in the universe we gathered this immense store full of holiday things for you.

Our entire organization works for you—your satisfaction is our success, and our service is kept to the highest point of efficiency possible, humanly speaking.

We want you to shop here—to look here with our every assurance that the freedom of the store is yours to enjoy.

Truly the gift problem is a hard one sometimes to solve—let our suggestions from day to day help you in any way possible. We have endeavored to make shopping easy for you.

This Store is now the Great Xmas Store, with every facility for serving you. Richmonders and out-of-towners, from the Virginias and Carolinas and elsewhere, will find Miller & Rhoads an ideal place for holiday shopping.

Miller & Rhoads

THE SOUTH'S LARGEST DEPARTMENT STORE

REMARKABLE CASE IN SUPREME COURT

Suit Involves Unique Deed—No Session of Tribunal To-Day.

In the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday a case was argued involving a most remarkable deed, giving title to a tract of standing timber. The case comes up on appeal from the Circuit Court of Brunswick county, Va. A. Young and others have brought the appeal, and the Camp Manufacturing Company the appellee. The decision, said counsel for the petitioners, "must be based upon the validity of construction of a deed, both remarkable and unique. Indeed, counsel for both sides in the litigation, after exhaustive research, have been unable up to this time, to find a reported case from any court, English or American, which involved a contract similar throughout to the one here presented."

Young and others in 1895 executed to the company a deed purporting to convey in fee simple to the Camp Company all the pine timber 12 inches in diameter and over, growing on a certain tract of land, and if they shall fail to remove said timber in said time, they may have such further time in which to remove the same as they may desire.

In other words, it appears that the company had all the time it wanted in which to remove the timber, and, in addition, while time was going on, the pine timber was getting larger and larger, and consequently becoming more and more valuable to the concern.

The companion case—that of E. B. Wright and others against the Camp Manufacturing Company—involving the same sort of deed, was also presented, and it is expected that it will hand down to-morrow the decisions which it would otherwise have rendered to-day.

The Supreme Court will not sit to-day, but will observe the Thanksgiving holiday. This being Thursday, it is the regular opinion day of the court, and it is expected that it will hand down to-morrow the decisions which it would otherwise have rendered to-day.

OSTETTER'S
CELEBRATED
STOMACH
BITTER

WADED IN CREEK TO SAVE PULLEY

Fireman Emptying Hot Ashes Takes Unexpected Plunge Over Steep Bank.

An unexpected plunge of fifteen feet into Bacon Quarter Branch resulted seriously for E. E. Pulley, of 1808 West Leigh Street, yesterday morning, and he is now suffering with a badly sprained hip and many bruises at the City Home Hospital. Pulley works in a lumber yard at Fifteenth and Moore streets, and was in the act of emptying a load of hot ashes into the water when the accident happened. The plank on which he was standing slipped, and he fell into the creek. He was rescued by a fireman, and taken to the hospital. The cause of the accident, says, caused him to lose his balance.

There was no one near at the time, and Pulley, as he could not stand, remained sitting in the middle of the stream for about half an hour before his cries brought help. The ambulance was summoned, and after temporary relief was administered, the patient was taken to the hospital. Both sides of the creek slope abruptly to the water's edge at the point where Pulley fell in, and it was necessary for the rescuers to wade some distance with the 60-pound burden.

Pulley is a fireman, and declared, after recovering from the shock of his bath, that he had attempted many more hazardous tasks than emptying a load of ashes, and had escaped without a scratch. It will be several days before he is able to be out of bed.

BUILDING PERMITS
McGraw-Yarborough Company to Erect Fireproof Warehouse.

Building and repair permits were issued yesterday by the city engineer to McGraw-Yarborough Company (Inc.), to erect a four-story brick and concrete warehouse, 122 South Eighth Street, cost not over \$1,000.

Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, to erect a one-story repair and storage room at Bolton Station, cost \$250.

W. P. Durrell, to repair and remodel a two-story dwelling, 1115 St. John Street, to cost \$225.

O. T. Kelley, to repair frame dwelling, 20 North Elm Street, to cost \$100.

"UNLOADED" PISTOL

Was Being Shown How It Worked When Explosion Came.

The old, old story of an "unloaded" pistol was repeated yesterday, when Dan Holloway, fourteen years old, of 1716 Washington Street, was shot in the face by a weapon in the hands of a boy near Seventeenth and Baldwin Streets. The bullet lodged in Holloway's head, and has not been recovered, although the wound will not prove fatal unless there are complications of blood-poisoning.

Holloway was playing with his crowd, when a gang of colored boys came by. One of the negroes produced a weapon, and the white boy, being shown how it worked when the explosion occurred, Holloway fell, and the crowd took to his heels. The white boy, who was named, was not heard of since, and the police have nothing by which they can be located. The gun was recovered by the owner.

Dr. Cosby, who was summoned, removed Holloway to his home, and there made an examination. The ball is not believed to have penetrated very far, and an operation for its removal may be performed to-day. Members of Holloway's party declare the negroes were very friendly, and they do not believe the trigger was pulled with malicious intent. The owner of the pistol can be identified if he is seen again, but the description given of him will answer hundreds of other boys.

KISSED WEAPON AS HE GAVE IT UP

Revolver Taken From Dying Hand of Col. Boston Presented to Society.

The Confederate Memorial Literary Society met yesterday in the Confederate Museum, with Mrs. Lizzie Cary Daniel in the chair. Members present were Mrs. A. R. Nelson, Mrs. J. Enders Robinson, Mrs. W. N. Hamlet, Mrs. A. M. Gwathmey, Miss Betty Elyson, Mrs. J. Allison Hodges, Miss Kate Mason Rowland, Mrs. S. H. Yonge, Miss Munnford, Miss Minnie Baughman, Miss Anne Bentley, Mrs. John Teetey, Miss Sally Anderson, Mrs. D. A. Brown, Mrs. P. J. White and Mrs. N. V. Randolph.

The society decided that it would receive members of the Educational Association with badges on Friday from 2 to 5 P. M. A reception was held yesterday at the same hours. It was also decided to purchase the copy of the pamphlet containing the official correspondence in relation to the resignation of the name of Jefferson Davis on Cabin John Bridge and to place these copies at the museum. Miss Mary Thompson McNeil was elected to life membership in the society. The secretary was requested to write a letter of sympathy to Miss Anne W. Archer.

CUPID KEEPS THEM STANDING ON LINE

Thanksgiving Eve Brings on Great and Happy Desire for Marriage Licenses.

BUT COURT PARSON IS IDLE

One Prospective Head of the Household Lacked Ten Cents of Having the Required Fee.

While the great majority of Richmond people were probably thinking yesterday of the delights of a day's holiday, there were at least half a hundred young men whose thoughts were on things more serious, as records in the clerk's office of the Hustings Court show twenty-five marriages will be solemnized to-day. This is not breaking the record, but it is nearly approaches it that at 8 o'clock yesterday small wagers were being placed on the number of applicants would reach thirty.

The average age of those to be married is twenty-five years for men and twenty-two for women. Six of the girls sent their parents along, as the consent of the father or mother is necessary before the license is issued. One is reached, Misses Melissa G. Murphy and Fanny E. Barnes are each the bride of a young man, the youngest of the to-be-brides, while Robert M. Burnley, thirty-four years old, is the oldest bridegroom.

Only one couple eloped. One of the weddings appears to be an elopement, as the contracting parties are both of Washington, but Deputy Breeden, who issued the license, did not ask any questions, and he had the assurance that both were of the age where the law allows people to decide such matters for themselves. This couple is Myrtle M. Gumpner and George Grubbs. The prospective bridegroom is a government clerk.

Strangely, Mike Mason, who is married in when the couple desires to have the ceremony take place at once, was not called upon to officiate, and consequently have a holiday to-day. Many of the couples will be married in the parsonage of the several ministers performing the duties. There will be two church weddings, and the others will be married in the home of the bride's parents. Last year twenty-nine licenses were issued on the day before Thanksgiving, and this, as far as can be learned, is the record.

There was one amusing incident, other than that there was a general expression of merit all during the day as the applicants came in, and this happened when a prospective head of the household did not have 10 cents, while Deputy Breeden demanded a \$1 fee.

He quickly borrowed the other 10 cents from one of his witnesses, and was as happy as some of those who had the required amount. The incident would not seem.

One man brought the preacher along with him, and when the latter was asked to swear that the girl was above the legal age, he refused to do so, claiming that it was against his religious principles to take the Lord's name in vain. The license was issued, but the bridegroom was determined to extend the farming operations in Culpeper county. David M. Galloway, one of the brothers on the farm, who came to Glasgow upon learning of the death of his brother, has sent a picture of a fine blooded Clydesdale stallion to Glasgow, which his father will send to Virginia at once, and the same breed went down in the Hestia.

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WILL INSPECT CROSSINGS
Corporation Commission to Look Into Railway Situation.

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VALUABLE PAPER FOUND
Resolutions on Death of Jackson Recovered After Forty-Six Years.

A valuable Confederate record has been recovered by Major Robert V. Hunter, secretary of the Virginia Department of Military Records. Strange to say, the record was found in the hands of a colored man, who was found by Major Hunter himself, into whose hands it now falls officially, after forty-six years.

The paper is a copy of a set of resolutions adopted by the Stonewall Brigade upon the death of Stonewall Jackson. A meeting of the officers and men of the brigade was held for this purpose, at which Colonel Charles A. Smith, of the Fourth Virginia Cavalry, was president, and Capt. Robert V. Hunter, of the Second Virginia, secretary.

A notable feature of the resolutions is the third, which requests the Secretary of War of the Confederacy to have the Stonewall Brigade of soldiers. It was thus named long before this date, but was not so known officially, and the time of the war was held, which was on May 18, 1863, the first request of this kind was made.

It was then decided to secure funds to erect a monument to the memory of Jackson, but the committee appointed for this purpose did not turn out in the way the men hoped, and no money could be secured. The writing on the document is much faded.

DEBT HEARING TO BE HELD DEC. 28

Secretary Carlisle Expected to Be Well Enough to Resume Argument.

INSPECTION TO BE MADE

Corporation Commission Will Look Into Railway Controversy.

Another date has been set for the conclusion of the final hearing of the State debt litigation before Special Master Charles E. Littlefield, in New York. The attorneys in the case met in Mr. Littlefield's office Monday, when it was learned that the condition of ex-Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle, leading counsel for West Virginia, was much improved, and that his recovery is now hoped for. The recent argument of the case was not concluded because of the sudden illness of Mr. Carlisle.

So much for the distinguished attorney that the special master was given assurance that by the end of the month he would be able to make the final argument for West Virginia. Thereupon the date of December 28 was agreed upon, with the distinct understanding that the case will proceed then, whether Mr. Carlisle is present or not. If he is unable to be there, one of his associate counsel will take his place.

At the conclusion of the speech of Mr. Carlisle or his substitute, Randolph Harrison will close the argument for Virginia.

Council for Virginia present Monday were Attorney-General William A. Anderson and Randolph Harrison for West Virginia, Attorney-General C. C. Spoorer and ex-Senator John C. Spooner for Virginia. The attorneys for West Virginia urged a postponement until January 2, while the Virginia lawyers insisted upon an earlier date.

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WOULD PREVENT WASTE
Leading Educators Discuss Uniformity in School Courses.

In the interest of the Department of Public Instruction, the State Capitol, a meeting was held yesterday of the Virginia Educational Commission, which was organized by the late General Assembly. The principal purpose of this commission is to devise ways and means for the prevention of waste in the educational system of the State. The members of the commission yesterday discussed methods of bringing the higher educational institutions into greater harmony, so that students in going from one school to another need not go over parts of the same course that he has once completed.

Members of the commission present were: President Edwin A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia; Dr. W. M. Smith, of Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg; Professor J. L. Jarman, president of the University of North Carolina; Dr. J. W. Farnsworth, of the Medical College of Virginia.

CHARITIES BOARD MEETS
Routine Business Discussed of and Legislation Discussed.

Nothing but routine business was transacted yesterday at the regular semi-annual meeting of the State Board of Charities and Corrections. The meeting was held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the State Capitol. Members present were: Dr. George H. Denny, of Lexington; Dr. Paulus A. Irvine, of Richmond; Dr. John Cabell Breckinridge, of New York; and Dr. P. Stearnes, of New York. The only member absent was Dr. C. C. Fisher, who is en route to Richmond, where he becomes pastor of Broad Street Methodist Church.

The accounts of the secretary were audited, and the reports received from inquiries sent out were reviewed. There was much discussion of the legislation proposed during the past few days, and it was heartily approved.

Judge Jones to Hold Court.
Governor Swanson yesterday designated Judge Claggett B. Jones, of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, to hold a part of the December term of the Circuit Court of Shenandoah county, to hear a case involving the extension of the corporate limits of the town of Chase City. This hearing will take place on December 22.

Getting Ready for Legislation.
Prolegislators are in session at the Capitol for the coming meeting of the General Assembly. All kinds of trouble was experienced in the heating system of the two houses, and Colonel John W. Richardson, the Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings, has had the matter remedied.

English Slip-Ons

The Latest in Raincoats

The modern fabric that makes the greatest selling coats of the period. More styles and shades at lower prices than any other house in Richmond.

Gans-Rady Company

CHARTER GRANTED TO NEW RAILROAD

Gets Cordial Aid from Physicians

Dr. Levy Explains Address So as to Avoid Possibility of Misunderstanding.

In connection with the report of his address before the social workers at the Capitol on Tuesday, Chief Health Officer E. C. Levy said yesterday:

"The general tone of the meeting was that most of our hope for the future was through education of the public in all matters of social welfare, including public health, juvenile courts, settlement work, school inspections and all such matters. I myself have always taken exactly this view, and I still do. At the same time many things are constantly bringing home to me the enormous amount of labor which single cases, taken separately, require in order to get very slight results. It was to this phase of the subject that I alluded. As well as I can recall, what I said was about as follows:

"Although I am a firm advocate of education of the public as our main hope in all these matters, still I must confess that I am at times pessimistic, especially when I see how difficult it appears to be to educate even the medical profession in certain phases of public health work. This afternoon I feel especially pessimistic, for the reason that only this morning we received at our office a report of a case of diphtheria, and within an hour a report of the death of the same case."

"This happened in spite of the fact that we have been using the most extraordinary efforts for the past few weeks to get the prompt kind of reports in order to have a knowledge of that immediate action is demanded, and where reports of these cases have been promptly received, we have not lost a single case. What, then, can we expect of educational efforts with the general public when so many members of the medical profession will not learn even so simple a matter as this?"

"I have personally stated, over and over again, not only to the doctors of Richmond, but to the general public and private statements, that, but for the cordial co-operation of the medical profession, which I have many times stated, I would not care to remain in office for a single day, since without this co-operation we could not possibly hope to secure the results which have been attained during the past three years, and I have repeatedly stated that I knew of no city in the country in which such a splendid co-operation of good-will existed between the medical profession and the health department."

"The results of the meeting will believe that I made such a wholesale attack on them as would appear from the article, and especially from the headlines in this morning's paper."

NEW CHARTERS ISSUED

Charters were granted as follows yesterday by the State Corporation Commission: The Bedford Lumber Company (Inc.), Manchester, Va. J. W. Moore, president; J. B. Brown, secretary. Capital: Maximum, \$15,000; minimum, \$5,000. Objects: To publish the midday magazine, The Park Place Improvement Company (Inc.), Charlottesville, Va. E. G. Haden, president; J. W. Farnsworth, secretary. Capital: Maximum, \$10,000; minimum, \$5,000. Objects: Real estate business.

Clarke & Winston Company (Inc.), Alexandria, Va. A. Clarke, president; M. C. Clarke, secretary. Capital: Maximum, \$15,000; minimum, \$5,000. Objects: Contractors.

Virginia Novelty Supply Company (Inc.), South Boston, Va. Thomas Easley, president; J. B. Brown, secretary. Capital: Maximum, \$15,000; minimum, \$5,000. Objects: To publish the midday magazine, The Park Place Improvement Company (Inc.), Charlottesville, Va. E. G. Haden, president; J. W. Farnsworth, secretary. Capital: Maximum, \$10,000; minimum, \$5,000. Objects: Real estate business.

CAR ATTACHED
Circuit Court Hearing Suit Involving Dixie Trust Company.

The suit of the National Printing Company against Voelckel and Nolan, proprietors of the Dixie Trust Company, is being heard in the City Circuit Court, and will probably be concluded to-day. The National Printing Company claims \$2,400 from the trust company for printing the bill should not be over \$500. Several weeks ago the bill was attached to the court, and is still being held pending adjustment.

Verdict for Defendant.
In the suit of the Harper Hardware Company against Northrop and Wickham, replevin of a safe, the jury yesterday afternoon returned a verdict for the defendant in the Law and Equity Court.

Mrs. Hedrick Improving.
Mrs. Hedrick, of Church Hill, who had a bad fall down a flight of steps at her residence, is improving and will be able to be out in a few days.

Union Service at Centenary.
Methodist churches of the central and western sections of Richmond will unite in a joint Thanksgiving service at 11 o'clock at Centenary Methodist Church. Rev. L. T. Williams, of Asbury Place Church, will preach the sermon.

Joint Thanksgiving Service.
All Methodist churches on Church Hill will unite in a joint Thanksgiving service to be held at 11 o'clock this morning at Union Station Methodist church. Rev. R. H. Potts, pastor, will deliver the sermon. The service will be followed by a social hour. Mrs. G. W. Taylor, pastor of Hester Memorial Church.

Virginia Western to Build 100-Mile Line From West Virginia to Clifton Forge.

COST TEN MILLION DOLLARS

President Says Question of Connection With Other Systems Is None of Public's Business.

Virginia is to have another railroad. Yesterday the Virginia Western Railway Company was chartered by the State Corporation Commission, to build a line of railroad estimated in length at 100 miles from a point in Highland county, at the West Virginia line, to Clifton Forge, Va.

The new line may be a part of the Baltimore and Ohio system, or it may be an independent line. Officials of the Chesapeake and Ohio yesterday afternoon denied that their road has any connection with the proposed line. J. J. Stoutenburgh, the president of the Virginia Western, was in Richmond yesterday, leaving in the afternoon for his home in New York. When asked regarding the connection of his road with that of existing systems he replied that it was none of the public's business.

Mr. Stoutenburgh stated that the new road, at the West Virginia line, would connect with the West Virginia Railway, which runs from that point to Keyser, W. Va. It was necessary to incorporate the Virginia Western in West Virginia and Kentucky. The entire length is about 185 miles, that portion in Virginia being just about 100 miles long.

Through Six Counties.
Starting at Keyser, the line will traverse a portion of Mineral county, Grant and Pendleton counties, W. Va. In Virginia it goes through Highland, Bath and Allegheny counties. The road will be built at once and contracts awarded. Construction is expected to begin about May 1, 1910, and will last for two years. The estimated cost is \$10,000,000.

When the road reaches Jackson's River, in Allegheny county, it will divide, and one line will go down river to Covington, in the same county. Connection will be made with the Chesapeake and Ohio, which runs from Clifton Forge, and with the Baltimore and Ohio and the Western Maryland at Keyser, Mineral county, W. Va.

The road will be built according to Mr. Stoutenburgh, by a New York syndicate, which owns large tracts of mineral lands in the Southwest Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky. It will be used as an outlet for the productions of these properties.

The principal office of the road, as reported to the State Corporation Commission, is at Clifton Forge. The maximum capital stock is \$20,000,000; minimum, \$10,000,000. Mr. Stoutenburgh is president; A. V. Huyler, of New York, vice-president; V. M. Bovie, of New York, secretary and treasurer. These men compose the board of directors, together with B. H. Hines, of Franklin, W. Va.; H. H. Byrd, of Warm Springs, Va.; James M. Douglas, of Warm Springs, and C. M. Lunsford, of Monterey, Va.

Council Committees.
The Council Committee on Water, scheduled to meet to-night, has been postponed until to-morrow night. The Committee on the Building Ground will also meet to-morrow night.

Remembering Rooms.
Workmen are engaged in renumbering the various rooms in the City Hall under direction of the Building Inspector. The number to show the door hereafter instead of being repeated as heretofore.

Score in Twenty-five Policemen.
City Clerk Ben T. August yesterday swore in twenty-five policemen recently re-elected by the Board of Police Commissioners.



Ever spluttered like this? It's pounds to pence that you have if you're wearing the old-fashioned catch-as-catch-can shirt—'physical torture shirts,' somebody calls 'em. Make you look as though you're in swimming and feel as though you'd stepped on a tack.

Wear a Coat Shirt and keep both your hair and temper unruffled.

Coat Shirts, \$1 to \$2.50. Both pleat and plain—attached or detached cuffs.

Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, \$3 to \$10.

Jacobs & Levy